

REMARKS

The examiner has withdrawn the previously indicated allowability of claims 1-20 and has vacated the Notice of Allowance of 12/12/2005.

The examiner states that the amendment to the specification at column 4, in the paragraph starting at line 44, changing the text from “. . . approximately 22° (specifically 22.21°)” to – approximately 30° -- is considered to be new matter on the basis of a lack of proper “incorporation by reference” in the application that matured into U.S. patent No. 6,112,767 (the '767 Patent).

In support of applicant's traversal of the rejection of claims 1-20, applicants submits herewith a copy of the UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Form PTO/SB05) that was submitted in connection with the application serial No. 09/311,520 that matured into the '767 Patent. (See Attachment) This copy of the transmittal form was downloaded from the Image File Wrapper of the '767 Patent available on the www.uspto.gov. In the transmittal form, Applicant properly checked off boxes 4b and 5. At the time of the filing of the application serial No. 09/311,520, an Applicant was able to incorporate by reference the entire disclosure of the parent application when filing a continuation application.

Therefore, Applicant believes that there was a proper incorporation by reference and the above-referenced amendment to the specification was proper and did not add new matter.

Withdrawal of the rejection, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-20 are kindly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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